

THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Fresh southwest-ly to southerly winds, a few local snow flurries, but for the most part fair and moderately cold.
Washington, Dec. 27.—Forecast: Northern New England—Fair and warmer Monday; Tuesday fair. Winds—North Atlantic, moderate, west.
Toronto, Dec. 27.—A few light local snowfalls or flurries have occurred in all provinces, but the weather has been for the most part fair, and in Ontario and Quebec not so cold.
Temperatures.
Min. Max.
Vancouver 40 46
Edmonton 10 14
Battleford 14 4
Calgary 32
Moore Jaw 19 5
Regina 24 10
Winnipeg 16 4
Toronto 14 26
Ottawa 16 20
Montreal 10 20
Halifax 4 18
—Below zero.

Around the City

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BY-ELECTION

W. B. Tennant, Chairman.
Phone Main 484.
G. Earle Logan, Secretary.
Phone Main 1300.

For Shelter.
Four protectionists sought shelter in the police station Saturday night from the bitter cold.

Police Make Peace.
The police were called into Joseph Nichols's house on Lombard street Saturday night to quell a disturbance.

Found.
The police report finding on Saturday night two bars of iron on Dock street, a lady's veil on King square, and a man's fur-lined glove on Union street.

Horse Rescued.
About one o'clock yesterday morning the police found a horse and sleigh, owned by Charles Crawford, wandering about on Brussels street and placed the same in Mr. Crawford's stables on Germain street.

The St. John Protestant Orphan's Home.
The following additional subscriptions are acknowledged by the treasurer: James Myles, \$10; Mrs. L. H. Roberts, \$5; friend, \$50; Christmas service (united Presbyterians held in St. Andrew's church), \$30.35.

Small Blaze.
A small fire occurred in the house of Stephen Shaw, Station road, Fairville, on Saturday morning. It broke out in the wall, under the sink, in the kitchen, and although the fire department quickly responded to a call the blaze was easily extinguished without its aid. No great amount of damage was done.

Mr. Hazen Called Away.
On account of being called away by urgent business Hon. J. D. Hazen was unable to pay a visit to the St. John Conservative Club on Saturday evening as he had intended. A large number of the members of the club gathered at their rooms in the Market building in the expectation of meeting the Minister and they were much disappointed when it was announced that he had been unexpectedly called away.

Christmas Tree.
The Christmas tree exercises in connection with the Municipal Home were held Saturday afternoon. Large trees were loaded with presents and each inmate received a useful present. There was candy and fruit for the children. Many visitors from town were present and inspected the building. This was the first Christmas exercises held since the installation of the electric lights in the Home.

Founded Chinese Class.
During the closing exercises of the United Baptist Sunday school, Brussels street, yesterday, the superintendent, L. A. Belyea, on behalf of Walter H. Golding, presented to the Chinese department of the school a portrait of Mrs. John Golding, senior. This gift was highly appreciated not only by the teachers but by the Chinese boys. It may be mentioned that Mrs. Golding was, perhaps, one of the first to take an active interest in Chinese Sunday school work in the city, and was the means of organizing a Chinese choir. The portrait will be hung in the room where the Chinese class meets.

Christmas Cantata.
Special music was provided yesterday evening in Fairville Methodist church, the choir singing the cantata "The First Christmas." The regular routine of service was dispensed with, the rendering of the cantata, which consists of fifteen numbers, occupying the entire evening. There was a large congregation, notwithstanding the cold weather. The choruses were sung with fine effect, as were the solo parts, which were taken by Mrs. H. M. Stout, Miss Blanche McColgan and H. M. Stout. So well pleased were those who heard the music that it is likely "The First Christmas" will be repeated.

Christmas Service at Seaman's Mission.
About seven sailors were present at the Christmas service in the Seaman's Mission last evening. Special music was provided, the men of the sea joining heartily in the Christmas hymns. A short address was given by Rev. Mr. Champion of Zion Methodist church. Solos were given by Hew Walker. At the close of the meeting tickets were distributed for the annual Christmas treat to be given by the ladies' auxiliary on Wednesday evening. A large number of sailors are expected and active preparations have been going on, making the much prized comfort bags which are given to each sailor.

HON. DR. BAXTER ENDORSED BY ELECTORS OF SIMONDS PRINCIPLES WHICH MAKE FOR PEACE

Enthusiastic Political gathering Saturday, at Gardner's Creek—Attorney-General and other prominent Speakers.

One of the most enthusiastic political gatherings ever held in the Parish of Simonds took place at Wallace's Hall, Gardner's Creek, on Saturday evening. The meeting was called in the interests of the Hon. John B. M. Baxter, Attorney-General, and the applause that greeted the remarks of Messrs. Baxter, Carson and Carson and other various speakers in an indication of Mr. Baxter's unestimable strength among the electors of this section of Saint John County.

Mr. Andrew Moore was, on motion of Mr. David Mawhinney, called to the chair and in opening the meeting said that those present were aware that Mr. Baxter had been called to the Attorney Generalship of New Brunswick and that it was necessary that the electors of Saint John County should express their approval of his selection to that position. Hon. Mr. Baxter was very highly regarded by the members of the Gardner's Creek Conservative Club and all were happy to hear of his selection to this important office. The opposition party it seemed, had decided not to oppose Mr. Baxter and unless opposition might present itself from some unexpected quarter the Attorney-General would be returned by acclamation. He felt sure that Mr. Baxter would receive an overwhelming majority whenever the electors of Saint John County were called upon to express themselves at the polls. Mr. Moore called upon George M. McDade to address the meeting.

Mr. McDade expressed the pleasure it afforded him to meet the electors of Gardner's Creek. It was his strong conviction that there was no man more eminently qualified to fill the responsible duties of the Attorney Generalship than Hon. J. B. M. Baxter. That gentleman was one of the brilliant minds of the province and occupied an enviable position in the legal profession. His political career had been a most successful one and good results had accrued to Saint John County and the province generally by reason of having such a strong man in the Legislative Assembly at Fredericton. Hon. Mr. Baxter's personal strength together with the popularity of Hon. Mr. Clarke's government, assured his election in Saint John County by a magnificent majority. It was not saying too much that members of the opposition party were fully aware of the fact that defeat was inevitable for any man who opposed Hon. Mr. Baxter.

Mr. McDade spoke of the advancement made in the conduct of different departments at Fredericton. Since 1908 an honest and business-like administration of public affairs had prevailed. Concluding Mr. McDade congratulated the members of the club on the splendid work they were doing in the interests of good government and urged them to be prepared when the next appeal is made to the electors to do their share towards giving Messrs. Baxter and Carson the magnificent majority that they undoubtedly deserved.

G. Earle Logan was then called upon, and in opening expressed his pleasure at the large attendance. He said the good work of the club was recognized as an important factor in the local government party and he trusted the members would continue their efforts which he felt sure would be most successful. The opposition party, after a great deal of deliberation, had decided not to oppose the Hon. Mr. Baxter and had invited the war in which the Empire was involved as a reason for withdrawing opposition in the by-election. The opposition had adopted the wise policy in affording Hon. Mr. Baxter his election by acclamation. If the opposition party had been able to secure a candidate to oppose Hon. Mr. Baxter the result would be a foregone conclusion—the overwhelming defeat of the opposition. If they were sincere in their statement that the war was the cause of their withdrawal of opposition against Hon. Mr. Baxter it would be well to observe what action the party supporters of Carleton County would take in the by-election in that county. Thomas Carson, M.L.A., the colleague of the Attorney General, was an earnest and faithful representative

HOW SOLDIERS SPENT SUNDAY

Army Service Corps paraded to Ludlow Street Baptist Church—Dr. Raymond conducted service on Island.

Yesterday the members of the Army Service Corps on duty on the West Side paraded to the Ludlow street Baptist church where a special sermon was preached by the pastor, Rev. W. R. Robinson. The ladies of the church have invited the members of the corps to an entertainment to be given in the church hall on Tuesday evening. Rev. Dr. Raymond, chaplain of the 3rd Regiment, who went to Partridge Island Sunday morning to conduct divine service for the artillery men stationed there, had a rather trying expedition. The motor boat on which he went down to the island got aground and the Archdeacon had to make the trip to the mainland in a rowboat. The provisional schools for artillery officers which have been closed for Christmas will be re-opened this evening. One school is conducted at the armory and the other on Partridge Island. The Army Service Corps has recruited its full complement and a large number of volunteers had to be turned

of St. John County, and both gentlemen were in a better position to advance the interests of their constituents than the opposition nominees. When the general election came he felt satisfied that the electors would register their emphatic approval of Messrs. Baxter and Carson and give them a great majority over their opponents.

Mr. Logan said that Coun. John O'Brien of Fairville, one of the leading Liberals of the county, had signed Hon. Mr. Baxter's nomination paper. Coun. O'Brien would probably remain a member of the Liberal party, but he believed Mr. Baxter was the proper representative for St. John County and consequently was giving him his support.

Coun. O'Brien was the next speaker. He said he desired merely to address a few remarks to the meeting, speaking from the practical standpoint of what served for the best interests of the people of St. John County as a whole. "I am a member of the Liberal party, but I support Hon. Mr. Baxter because it is my firm conviction that he is the best man we can send to Fredericton," said Mr. O'Brien. The interests of the people of St. John County would be well looked after by Hon. Mr. Baxter who was a man of great worth, irrespective of party affiliations, he felt the electors of this county would be justified in giving their support to the Attorney General, who was now in a position to do even more than ever before for the people of St. John. Hon. Mr. Baxter was a man who had a distinguished career in his chosen profession, as well as in the Common Council and Municipal Council and later in the Legislative Assembly at Fredericton. So long as he continued to work for the best interests of St. John County, he could count on his (Coun. O'Brien's) hearty support. In Coun. Thomas Carson, M.L.A., Mr. Baxter has a colleague whom the speaker highly esteemed and a man who also worked for the best interests of his parish in the Municipal Council.

Coun. O'Brien said he was particularly impressed with the efficiency of the organization of the club and congratulated the members of the party they were doing. He concluded by extending the members the greetings of the season. Luther B. Smith, who contested Queensbury at the last Dominion election, was the last speaker of the evening and he paid a high tribute to the worth of Hon. Mr. Baxter. He pointed out the absurdity of any opposition to Mr. Baxter's selection. Mr. Smith spoke in a humorous manner of some of the leaders in the opposition ranks. There were familiar faces at the gathering of friends of the opposition at Fredericton, and many of those distinguished politicians had been connected with some of the most pernicious transactions in the history of the province of New Brunswick, including the Central Railway and the scandal in connection with the Intercolonial Railway tickets. There did not seem much danger that the people of New Brunswick, who since 1908 had been given an honest and business-like administration of public affairs would change to the disorganized methods that prevailed under the old regime and which many of the men supporting the old government took up like to commend upon the people of the province. New Brunswick had advanced in a most satisfactory manner under this administration and a great development would undoubtedly come under the same honest and systematic conduct of public affairs.

Mr. Mawhinney moved a hearty vote of thanks to the speakers of the evening and it was extended by the chairman, Mr. Moore. Coun. O'Brien responded expressing his appreciation of the reception given that night. He urged the members of the club to continue their organization so that they could prove as effective a factor as possible in giving Hon. Mr. Baxter and Mr. Carson a handsome majority at the next general election. The meeting—one of the most memorable in that section of the county—closed with cheers for the King and Hon. Mr. Baxter.

ed down. The corps has six officers and 185 men. The officers believe they have the finest corps organized in Canada. The men are being drilled daily, and are getting in fine shape. Owing to the large number of men away on leave the 26th Overseas Battalion did not hold a church parade yesterday. Most of the men on leave are expected back today, and the usual routine of work will be resumed.

Scows Adrift.
Last night about 8.30 two lumber scows broke adrift from the steamship Scottish Monarch lying at Sand Point and drifted up the harbor. They were secured at the head of the harbor by Boatman Doherty without any real damage being done.

Thursday Night's Big Event.
The seating plan for the New Year's Eve theatricals in Imperial Theatre is on view at the stores in the theatre building. The public sale of tickets is going on at Nelson's, King street and the Imperial. Box reservations have been made by Col. J. L. McAvity of the 26th Overseas Regiment, Mayor Frank the Hon. J. D. Hazen and others. Aside from the meritorious entertainment—the British military drama "Ours"—it will be a gala welcoming of what everybody expects will be our Empire's greatest year. The High School Alumnus are to be commended for their effort in aid of the Belgium and Red Cross Funds.

WILL HOLD A RALLY.
There will be a grand rally of Hon. Mr. Baxter's friends and supporters in Beaconsfield at the Local Government Committee rooms, 19 Dufferin Row, on Tuesday evening. Addresses will be delivered by Hon. Mr. Baxter, Hon. John E. Wilson, C. B. Lockhart, M. L. A., and others. PARK HOTEL, KING SQUARE.

DR. W. C. KIERSTEAD DEPRECATES SPIRIT VENGEANCE, AND EXPRESSES FAITH IN TRIUMPH OF HUMAN BROTHERHOOD.

We will conquer in this war but let us not allow ourselves to be conquered by the spirit of hate and revenge for only adhering to the principles of Christianity can we hope to arrive at conditions which will assure permanent peace, was the message delivered by Dr. W. C. Kierstead to a large congregation in the Germain street Baptist church last evening. The preacher dwelt upon the causes of the present war, and saved an eloquent exposition of the principles upon which ultimate peace might be established. Deeper than the antagonisms of race, deeper than the passions which weak vengeance upon women and children, he said, in an age of caste, when the common people counted for nothing, Christ had preached human brotherhood as a human equality. Against the haughtiness, the harshness, the ruthless rule of force, the oppression of the masses which characterized the Roman civilization, Christ had placed the principle of service, the exercise of love, the doctrine of human brotherhood, as the only principles upon which humanity could build to the glory of God and the happiness of mankind.

The speaker said that the war in Europe was at least demonstrating the practical equality of men. In valor, in efficiency, in self-devotion and contempt for death, there was little to choose between the English, French, Russians, Germans, the yellow races from Asia, or the black races from Africa. Wounded soldiers on the battle field helped enemies in worse plight than themselves and showed that even the hatred and passions evoked by war fell away before the recognition of human brotherhood.

Let us not nourish hatred or a desire for revenge, said the preacher. Let us not allow ourselves to be seized by that spirit which says that because the enemy has committed atrocities, destroyed towns and priceless objects of art, and brutally treated non-combatants and women and children, we must also lay their cities waste, destroy their objects of art and wreak vengeance upon women and children. We should try to keep an open mind and not allow prejudice and passion to effect our attitude to stories of atrocities committed by the enemy. While people responsible for the acts committed by individuals. We should ask for a fair investigation and seek to have the guilty punished, but we should not be vindictive and want to punish the innocent for the crimes of the guilty ones.

We must use the people of a nation in a union of antagonism against the enemy, and such principles the importance and rights of the individual were often lost sight of. In Persian times, under the old tribal system, an injury to one member of a tribe was taken up by the whole tribe of the offender. Evil was requited with evil. At times war might be necessary when it was a question of fighting for the ideal and principles upon which our liberties depend, but we could not be Christians if we nursed a spirit of hatred and revenge to all the people of a nation against whom we might be at war. Christianity taught the essential brotherhood of all men and the worth of the individual, and nothing was surer than that peace could be realized only by the cultivation of the spirit of Christianity and the incorporation of its principles into our industrial, social and international relations. The speaker expressed the hope that this war would impress upon the minds of the people of the world the awfulness and horror and barbarism of war to such an extent that permanent peace might be assured in the future and the truth of Christ's teaching that the principle of service, the exercise of love, would finally overthrow the rule of force, be demonstrated the world over.

Cold Weather.
Perhaps these cold days remind you that you can't get through the season without warmer clothes. F. A. Dykeman & Co. will help you out if you have come to that conclusion. They are offering a lot of very fine, heavy weight and warm clothes at immense reductions. For instance, pure wool, heavy weight blanket cloths can be had in the 56 inch width for 75 cents, and some heavy weight tweeds worth \$2.25 are on sale at \$1.45. Heavy curl cloths in black and brown at \$1.45. Heavy surges at 75 cents. They have a few very comfortable warm ready-to-wear coats which they have just reduced in price.

SIMONDS NO. 3.
The local government supporters of Simonds No. 3 will meet at Mayall's tonight at 8 p. m. G. Fred Stephenson, Chairman.

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Imperial's Bumper Show.
The picture pictures of the opening of the C. P. R. docks at West St. John a short time ago, which was a most enthusiastic occasion, should prove a great attraction to the thousands who were caught by the camera on that blustery day. So will the pictures of the 26th Regiment, as the boys proceeded along Germain and down King streets. The vandeville a splendid chatty act, there will be Hearst-Sellig's Weekly, a two-reel Lubin and the opening number of the great string of railway adventures "The Hazards of Heins."

Gifts for the Athletic Lad
Good, healthy exercise is the making of the boy or girl of any age, and presents that make for strong, robust bodies are both practical and sensible.
Here are a few suggestions, but call at our Sporting Department and let us help you make selections:
Dumb Bells, 30 to 80 cents the pair.
Indian Clubs, 50 cents to \$1.35 the pair.
Punching Bags, \$1.95 to \$9.00 each.
Punching Bags, with Platforms, \$11.50 each.
Boxing Gloves, \$2.15, \$2.70, \$3.25, \$4.00, \$4.25, \$4.50, \$4.80, \$5.60, and \$6.50 the pair.
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